

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

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10. (New) A computer-implemented electronic bid method by a service provider, comprising:

registering, through a network, a user as a buyer and merchandise/service that the buyer wants to buy in a first database;

registering, through the network, a user as a seller and merchandise items/services that the seller is offering to sell in a second database;

categorizing merchandise items/services of the first database into groups and searching the number of potential buyers who want to buy merchandise items/services in at least a group being categorized from the first database;

selecting sellers who are offering to sell merchandise items/services in the same group from the second database and providing a potential buyer information including the number of buyers for the same group, to the selected sellers; and

receiving selling information including a selling price of the merchandise/service to offer from at least one of the selected sellers and providing the selling information to each of buyers in the same group.

11. (New) The computer-implemented electronic bid method according to claim 10, wherein the potential buyer information includes a purchase request merchandise code information and a quantity but does not include a user ID for specifying a buyer.

12. (New) The computer-implemented electronic bid method according to claim 10, further comprising notifying the seller of a purchase request quantity for each merchandise item.

13. (New) The computer-implemented electronic bid method according to claim 10, registering the merchandise/service includes accessing a predetermined web page or via electronic mail.

14. (New) The computer-implemented electronic bid method according to claim 10, wherein when merchandise providing information is presented by at least one seller, the buyer checks sales conditions of the merchandise providing information and makes a sales agreement.

15. (New) The computer-implemented electronic bid method according to claim 14, further comprising:

deleting the first database information concerning the buyer upon reception of the notification of cancellation of continued will of a purchase request from the buyer, once the sales agreement is made.

16. (New) An electronic bid system by a service provider, comprising:

means for registering, through a network, a user as a buyer and merchandise/service that the buyer wants to buy in a first database;

means for registering, through the network, a user as a seller and merchandise items/services that the seller is offering to sell in a second database;

means for categorizing merchandise items/services of the first database into groups and searching the number of potential buyers who want to buy merchandise items/services in at least a group being categorized from the first database;

means for selecting sellers who are offering to sell products in the same group from the second database and providing a potential buyer information including the number of buyers for the same group, to the selected sellers; and

means for receiving selling information including a selling price of the merchandise/service to offer from at least one of the selected sellers and providing to the selling information to each of buyers in the same group.

17. (New) The computer-implemented electronic bid system according to claim 16, wherein the potential buyer information includes a purchase request merchandise code information and a quantity but does not include a user ID for specifying a buyer.

18. (New) The computer-implemented electronic bid system according to claim 16, further comprising means for notifying the seller of a purchase request quantity for each merchandise item.

19. (New) The computer-implemented electronic bid system according to claim 16, wherein the means for registering the merchandise/service registers the merchandise/service by accessing a predetermined web page or via electronic mail.

20. (New) The computer-implemented electronic bid system according to claim 15, wherein when merchandise providing information is presented by at least one seller, the buyer checks sales conditions of the merchandise providing information and makes a sales agreement.

21. (New) The computer-implemented electronic bid system according to claim 19, further comprising:

means for deleting the first database information concerning the buyer upon reception of the notification of cancellation of continued will of a purchase request from the buyer, once the sales agreement is made.